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Dear Harold and Lil,

I was going through some piles of paper which had accumulated on my desk for purposes of doing what I should have done some time ago or throwing out what was now past doing, and I came across an envelope containing your address. There was a glow of recognition accompanied by a twinge of conscience. Hence this letter.

First Freda and I wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Second, while we have read stories about Harold and his doings to minimize injustice and even seen him once on a TV interview show, we still do not know as of now what is happening to him and to you, Lil. How are you? What is the situation? Is the economic problem solved or at least eased?

Second, we have had some troubles. My older brother, Morris, 2 years older than me died as a result of a fall in the subway. He fell Dec. 16, 1974. He was in the hospital thenceforth until he died of pneumonia and heart failure on Feb. 9, 1975. Meanwhile, I, in addition to visiting him in the hospital every day and seeing to it that he got the care he needed had to help care for his wife Rae, who was a housebound invalid with Parkinson's, diabetes and circulatory problems and who could not walk without a walker. She died in her sleep on Jan. 29, 1975 just eleven days before Morris died. He was irrational much of the time because of his fractured skull and having meningitis. He never knew Rae was dead. The doctors forbade my telling him.

Then came the two months' job of burying them and clearing out their apartment, handling their estates, paying off their bills, etc. Morris' estate is not yet closed. And I inherited his job as family liaison which included caring for our 84 year old cousin in Los Angeles, getting her into a home for the aged there, visiting her, taking care of her affairs, etc. So it's been a busy time and one full of sorrow.

Now the estate is near closing. Sadie still requires care and travel. We spent from Dec. 17 to Dec. 31 in the L.A. area visiting her at least every other day. And there are troubles in Nancy's marriage. She is divorcing Steve.

But otherwise all goes smoothly.

Let us hear from you

Regards
Sol